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The specifications are as follows:

Sewing: Books to be sewn "all along" by machine, no splitting of head or tail.

Tapes: 4 unbleached linen tapes. The slips to be two inches long, and inserted between "split" boards.

Thread: Unbleached thread of good thickness.

Plates: All plates to be folded round the adjoining section.

First and Last Sections: The first two and last two sections to be lined in their outer folds and all sections in their centers with strips of linen, and no overcast.

End-Papers: End-papers to have a cloth joint, and to be sewn on as a separate section, with at least two extra blank leaves.

Joints: The volumes to have French joints.

Boards: Best quality machine-made mill-boards, of suitable thickness, with rounded corners, leather turned in without cutting.

Leather: Hard grained morocco, to conform to the Society of Arts Specification. East India or Sheep leather prohibited.

Cloth Sides: Winterbottom's "Imperial Morocco cloth," fast finish.

2. Sets bound according to the preceding specifications with the exception that cloth conforming with the requirements of the Bureau of Standards at Washington will be used instead of leather. This is the edition which the Committee on Binding recommends the smaller libraries to get.

3. Sets bound by Mr. Chivers in England.

The prices of the three editions are as follows:

1. \$5.50 a volume.
2. \$5.00 a volume.
3. \$5.75 a volume.

Full information regarding these can be obtained by writing either to the Chairman of the A. L. A. Committee on Binding, or

to the New York Office of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, 35 W. 32d St.

(Signed) A. L. BAILEY, Chairman.

Wilmington (Del.) Inst. Free Library.

NOTES AND NEWS

The Executive office has recently received an application for membership in the American library association from Mr. Seng Tso Yüen, librarian Chinese department, Boone university library, Wuchang, China. The Secretary is under the impression that this is the first Chinaman to join the American library association. May it signify a wider sphere of influence and a more world-wide scope in our activities.

The Executive office has a miscellaneous lot of A. L. A. programs, committee reports, advance attendance registers, and other pamphlets connected mostly with the annual conferences, running back twenty and twenty-five years. There may be some of our members who, for association's sake, or as a contribution to the history of library development, or for pure antiquarian interest, may be glad to preserve, either personally or in their libraries, such material as this. On receipt of 25c to cover labor of sorting and postage the Secretary will send to any member a collection of this matter as long as the supply lasts.

Eastern librarians who have a few hours to spend in Chicago while on their way to the Pasadena conference are reminded that the executive offices of the American library association are on the fifth floor of the public library building, corner of East Washington street and Michigan avenue, and that all members of the association are expected to consider these rooms as their home and headquarters whenever they are in Chicago.

The Child Welfare exhibit opens on May 11th at the Coliseum, 15th street and Wabash avenue, and will be well worth visiting by those librarians who have the time between trains.